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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-3 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	2,3
	No: Claims	1
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-3
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-3
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

1 The following document is referred to in this communication:
D1 : WO 03/004505 A

2a Novelty: Yes Claims 2,3

D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art document, describes a process for preparing oxaliplatin (see e.g. example 1). The present process differs from that disclosed in D1, in that it employs a quarternary ammonium iodide where in the process of D1 potassium iodide or sodium iodide is used. Consequently, the process of claims 2,3 is considered to be novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

2b Novelty: No Claim 1

Document D1 discloses oxaliplatin: In the absence of proof to the contrary, it is assumed that the oxaliplatin of D1 falls within the scope of claim 1. Consequently, the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

3 Inventive Step: No Claims 1-3

3a Claim 1: As the subject matter of claim 1 is considered not to be novel, it is also considered to be not inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

3b Claims 2,3: No result of the difference between the presently claimed process and the one disclosed in D1 could be found that could be regarded as an unexpected technical effect (such an unexpected effect could be e.g. a more efficient process or an improved product). Therefore, in the absence of an unexpected technical effect, the problem underlying claims 2,3 is considered to be the provision of a further process for the preparation of oxaliplatin. Given the similarity of the process of the present application and that disclosed in D1, the presently claimed process is considered a process by analogy, and therefore not inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).